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REPORT ON THE PREVIEW

1. Most of the past week has been concerned with setting up the previews of lectures and making arrangements for attendance. The Office of Communications had made up a complete schedule for the first week of the course. I had gone over it in conference with [] and the OC training officers. A selected group went out to [] on Friday and heard, first, the preliminary lecture that [] was going to give as an introduction to the course and, next, about a three hours' talk on what the OC instructor, [] was going to deal with during the first week. The group had some division of opinion at first over the necessity and validity of devoting such a long period to instruction in basic theory, but apparently accepted the schedule as written after the presentation had been made. I am satisfied that [] will do a professional job of instruction. I am, however, uneasy on one score. [] is used to training young technicians; he is going to have on his hands a group of very well educated and intelligent young men who may, perhaps, be able to absorb his training at a much more rapid rate than could the technicians. I intend to emphasize this point in later conferences.

2. Representatives from the Geographic Area, ORR, under [] direction gave a very good account of themselves, showing the types of maps they intended to use, explaining what they were going to emphasize in both the USSR and Communist China, and laying out a surprising number of intelligence targets. [] OSI, capped this presentation by describing the types of targets that CIA was after, listing what had been discovered--an imposing list, and finally describing targets as yet not fully covered and the problems of getting information on them. This last was of particular pertinence to the DDP.

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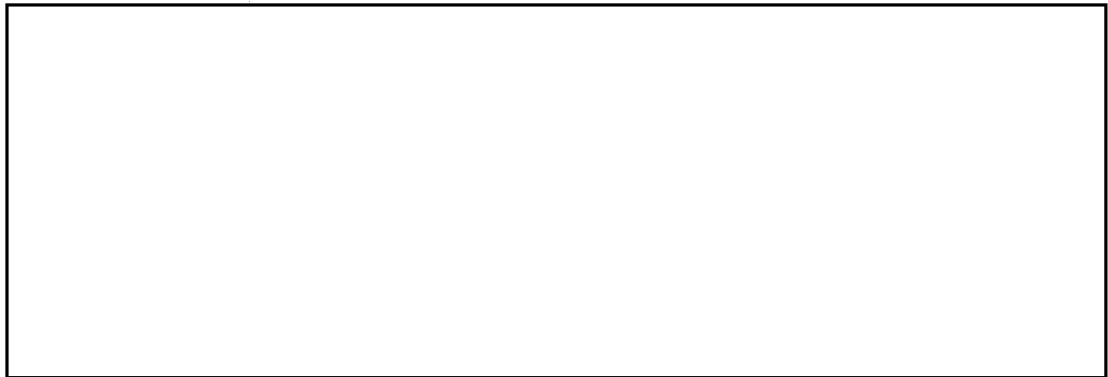
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3. Four OSI presentations, one on ELINT analysis, and those on the intelligence accomplishments derived from the ELINT information from radars, research and development, and missiles, mark out a trouble-area. The men selected to give these briefings are all working against Office deadlines; no one of them has had much experience in briefing or in preparing briefings, and all have the diffidence of the scientist toward explaining to a layman the highly technical work that he is doing. We explained what we expected of them, emphasizing the need to get beyond technical details to the true worth of their findings and outlining for them the chief topics that we wanted discussed. I shall have to work very closely with all four in the coming two weeks.



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5. The speech on Thursday by [redacted] Chief, [redacted], and formerly [redacted], was a brief survey of all types of collection made [redacted] since 1954. In that area CIA had conducted almost all forms of collection and had collaborated with both the Air Force and the Navy. [redacted] discussed successes, problems of coordination, difficulties in processing, and the value of the take. This speech was all that I had hoped for. It raised one question that has become more and more insistent: the problem of getting case histories of ELINT operations. All my attempts thus far to get hold of actual operational data have been blunted. [redacted] was not too helpful or optimistic.

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not yet all the technical codes mastered. Is the student going to feel that the accomplishments of ELINT, one of many tools of collection, is worth the tremendous effort put forth? Nobody agreed with me in my rather pessimistic estimate. I do believe, however, that the course must point much more positively to significant intelligence gained from ELINT and toward a clarification of our objectives.



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